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1. SENATOR JACKSON'S OFFICE RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT JULY 11:

BEGIN TEXT. IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO SHARE WITH MRS. NATALIA SOLZHENITSYN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALEXANDER GINZBURG DEFENSE COMMITTEE THIS OCCASION TO SPEAK OUT FOR A GOOD AND BRAVE MAN WHO YESTERDAY WENT ON TRIAL IN KALUGA FOR CHARITY TOWARD POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND FOR SPEAKING THE TRUTH ABOUT SOVIET NON-COMPLIANCE WITH INTER-UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONAL ACCORDS ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO WHICH THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF IS A PARTY.

THE GINZBURG TRIAL AGAIN RAISES THE CENTRAL QUESTION OF SOVIET TRUSTWORTHINESS--AS THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SIGNS INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AFFIRMING THE RIGHT TO JUSTICE, TO THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION, AND TO THE RIGHT TO

EMIGRATE, AND THEN WANTONLY DENIES THOSE RIGHTS.

THE TRIALS THAT BEGAN YESTERDAY ARE A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO THE SUPPORT FOR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION, AND THIS NATION, HAS ELECTED TO MAKE A

CENTRAL THEME OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. THERE IS NO WAY THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN RECONCILE INACTION IN THE FACE OF THE GINZBURG AND SHCHARANSKY TRIALS WITH ANY SERIOUS CLAIM TO LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

WE ARE NOT WITHOUT RESOURCES TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO THE CLAIM THAT WE STAND FOR INTERNATIONAL ADHERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE PRESIDENT HAS IT WITHIN HIS POWER TO DISAPPROVE THE TRANSFER OF VITAL AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE COULD HAVE SEVERAL PENDING SOVIET REQUESTS ON HIS DESK WITHIN THE HOUR. HE COULD DISAPPROVE THEM.

LET ME GIVE TWO EXAMPLES.

ONE: DRESSER INDUSTRIES PROPOSES TO BUILD A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PLANT IN THE SOVIET UNION THAT WOULD TURN OUT TUNGSTEN CARBIDE OIL DRILLING BITS ESSENTIAL TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET ENERGY RESOURCES. INCLUDED ALSO IS UNCLASSIFIED

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AN ELECTRON BEAM WELDING CAPABILITY. SOVIET INDUSTRY, LIKE OUR OWN, RUNS ON OIL. SO DO SOVIET TANKS AND AIRCRAFT AND NAVY VESSELS. THIS IS NO TIME FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPROVE AN EXPORT TO THE SOVIETS OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD ASSIST THEM TO FUEL THEIR INDUSTRY, THEIR ARMY, NAVY AND THEIR AIR FORCE.

TWO: THE ADMINISTRATION IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING WHETHER TO APPROVE THE SALE TO THE TASS NEWS AGENCY OF A SPERRY UNIVAC COMPUTER SYSTEM VASTLY LARGER THAN ANY COMPARABLE SYSTEM PREVIOUSLY SOLD TO THE SOVIETS AND WITH CAPABILITIES GREATLY IN EXCESS OF EXISTING TRANSFER GUIDELINES. THIS COMES AT A TIME WHEN THE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS OF THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE BALTIMORE SUN IN MOSCOW HAVE HAD SERIOUS CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST THEM BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. TASS, I NEED HARDLY SAY, IS THE SOVIET UNION'S OFFICIAL PROPAGANDA ORGAN. MANY OF ITS SO-CALLED REPORTERS ARE IN FACT AGENTS OF THE SOVIET SECRET POLICE.

I CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT TO DISAPPROVE THESE TWO LICENSE REQUESTS, AND TO DO SO THIS AFTERNOON. IF IN RESPONSE TO THE TRIALS OF GINZBURG AND SHCHARANSKY THE PRESIDENT

APPROVES HIGH TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE TO SOVIET INDUSTRY, THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES, AND THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA AND INTELLIGENCE ORGAN, HE WILL MAKE A MOCKERY OF OUR NATIONAL POLICY TO SUPPORT FUNDAMENTAL INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS.

THERE ARE, OF COURSE, HUNDREDS OF PENDING REQUESTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF U.S. TECHNOLOGY TO THE SOVIET UNION. ALL OF THESE REQUESTS SHOULD BE REVIEWED. ONLY THE MOST COMPELLING ARGUMENTS FOR SUCH TRANSFERS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO PREVAIL OVER THE URGENT NEED TO TAKE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THESE OUTRAGEOUS TRAILS AND TO THE PATTERN OF THE UNREMITTING ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS THAT THEY SYMBOLIZE.

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